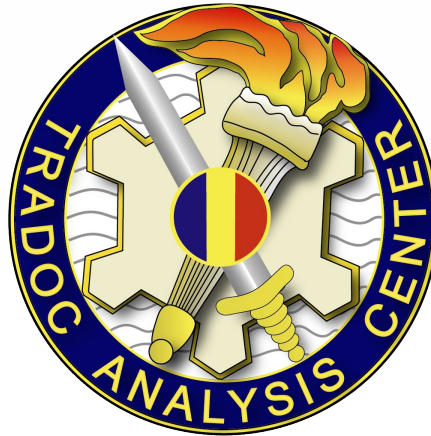


# **Soldier Representation in M&S Master Plan**



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# Agenda

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# Background

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- ***“Iraq and Afghanistan has showed us again that it is the caliber of soldier not the caliber of the weapon that makes the difference in the battle.”***
  - General Kevin Byrnes, TRADOC Commander
- ***“...urban operations are a corporal and sergeant’s fight.”***
  - Emerald Express 03 Summary
- ***“Letting SOF NCOs and JOs run ad hoc fight in flat org chart .... resulted in agility, flexibility and adaptive warfare that let 80 SOFs ... take down Taliban and defeat Al Qaeda on their home turf.”***
  - recorded at the 34th Annual IFPA/Fletcher School Conf.

# Description of the Problem

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- **As the Army transforms into the Future Force, more emphasis must be placed on modeling the actions, behaviors, and the information available to the Soldier.**
- **Modeling the Soldier as a System (SaaS) must address shortfalls such as how soldiers tactically react, move, coordinate, and report.**
- **This is especially important as we emphasize asymmetric, network-enabled operations.**

# Objective

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- **To credibly represent the Soldier in models and simulations.**
- **Support the efforts of the U.S. Soldier Modeling and Analysis Working Group (S-MAWG).**
- **Utilize and focus military students and faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School.**

# **Soldier Modeling and Analysis Working Group**

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**(S-MAWG)**

- **WSMR-sponsored team evaluated numerous models and simulations to identify and prioritize deficiencies in modeling the Soldier.**
- **Categorized approximately 60 “gaps”**
  - **Situational Awareness**
  - **Lethality**
  - **Mobility**
  - **Survivability and Protection**
  - **Soldier Equipment Trustworthiness**
  - **Modeling the Physical Environment**
  - **Modeling the Mission Environment**
- **Prioritized according to critical to credible results.**

# **Key NPS Departments**

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- **Operational and Informational Sciences**
  - **Operations Research**
  - **Computer Science**
  - **Information Science**
  - **Defense Analysis**
- **Engineering and Applied Sciences**
  - **Systems Engineering**
  - **Physics**
  - **Systems Management**
  - **Math**
- **Other Departments**
  - **Homeland Security**
  - **MOVES**

# Technical Approach

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- **Phase I: define/target several sets of research topics.**
  - Identify key faculty members and students.
  - Scope effort.
  - Priority of research areas based on S-MAWG's gap list.
- **Phase II: guide research efforts.**
- **Phase III: consolidate and report results.**



# 1. Reactions to Indirect Fire

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- **Description:** There is a need to accurately model the behavior of soldiers receiving/observing indirect fire.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Situational Awareness and Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** visual and acoustic cues, vibratory cues, distance/effects, training/experience, posture, mission, movement rates, cover search, suppression.
- **Research Objective:** Using historical and doctrinally correct actions, develop an algorithm based on training, effective area, and visual and acoustic cues to model the basic behaviors/rules of the Soldier when receiving indirect fire.

## 2. Reactions to Direct Fire

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- **Description:** There is a need to model the basic behavior of soldiers involved in a firefight.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Situational Awareness, Lethality, and Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** visual and acoustic cues, posture, threat type, target selection/queuing, ammo, effects, dynamic pHs, tactical movements/battle drills, stress, suppression, *cover search*.
- **Research Objective:** Using visual and acoustic cues and threat type, model the basic behaviors/rules of the Soldier with respect to posture, target selection, and/or ammo.

### 3. Direct Fire Effects

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- **Description:** There is a need to represent munitions effects on dismounted soldiers. Non-fatal wounding is generally not represented.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Lethality and Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** accuracy/variance, impact point, posture, protective gear, movement rate, dynamic pHs, suppression.
- **Research Objective:** Using the posture of a soldier, model precise, non-fatal munition effects on the Soldier.

## 4. Soldier Accuracy Based on Time

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- **Description:** There is a need to represent variable lay time and accuracy of a soldier engaging targets in quick reaction and deliberate situations.
- **S-MAWG Category : Lethality and Survivability & Protection**
- **Factors:** exposure/lay time, dynamic pHs, rate of fire, accuracy/variance, posture/support, target movement rate, distance.
- **Research Objective:** Develop data/algorithms to model variable time engagements/pHs.

## 5. Soldier Accuracy Based on Posture

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- **Description:** There is a need to to represent the effects of different firing positions on engagement accuracy.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Lethality and Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** posture/support, exposure/lay time, dynamic pHs, rate of fire, accuracy/variance, target movement rate, distance.
- **Research Objective:** Develop data/algorithms to model posture/support dependant pH/pKs.

## 6. Individual Weapon Capabilities in MOUT

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- **Description:** Data does not exist for typical urban engagements of less than 50 meters.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Lethality
- **Factors:** rate of fire, exposure/lay time, distance, posture/support, dynamic pHs, accuracy/variance, target queuing.
- **Research Objective:** An analysis of historical data for the M16 and M249 in recent urban conflicts (Somalia and Iraq) to yield models and data for pHs of these weapon systems.

## 7. Soldier Load/Fatigue

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- **Description:** There is a need to better understand and represent other elements of the Soldier's performance that are affected by fatigue caused by the Soldier's load beyond the Soldier's speed
- **S-MAWG Category :** Mobility
- **Factors:** Weapon/gear/casualty carried, reaction/ engagement time, fatigue, tactical movement, posture, terrain.
- **Research Objective:** Using historical data, model fatigue and its effects on the soldier.

## 8. Semantic Terrain

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- **Description:** Acquisition data is needed to allow entities to acquire or be cued to bunkers, fighting positions, and other 'danger areas'
- **S-MAWG Category :** Lethality
- **Factors:** Visual and acoustic cues, threat recognition, threat location approximation, comms, line of sight, training/experience.
- **Research Objective:** Better represent the Soldier's ability to acquire, recognize, and engage targets other than soldiers and vehicles.



# 9. Human Factors

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- **Description:** There is a need to identify and represent human factor effects.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** **fatigue, stress, experience/training,** emotion, personality, physical/cognitive resources.
- **Research Objective:** Identify and develop data/algorithms of how different human factors such as stress effect Soldier performance.

# 10. Cover and Concealment

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- **Description:** There is a need to represent how a Soldier finds and uses cover and concealment.
- **S-MAWG Category :** Modeling the Environment and Survivability & Protection
- **Factors:** posture, exposed area, material composition, dynamic pHs, weapon type.
- **Research Objective:** Develop data/algorithms how the soldier finds and uses typical objects as cover.